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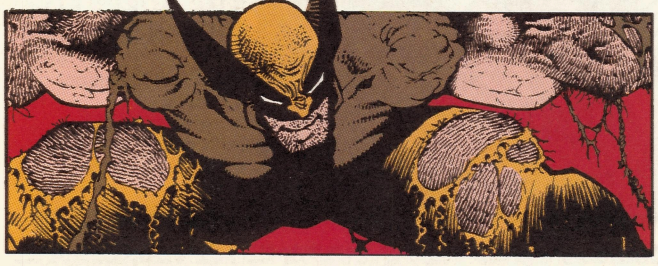

Deadly Anniversary

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These comics are so good, they're Required reading!

Titles on sale the first week of February

"Caged" in Chicago

CHICAGO, February 4: Today **Luke Cage**, "hero for hire" turned murder suspect, made his first public appearance in Chicago after spending years in hiding.

The superhumanly strong Cage fled some months ago, after being charged with the apparent slaying of his partner, martial artist Iron Fist.

This led to a massive man-hunt by the police and FBI. Since then, Iron Fist has turned up alive and Cage has resurfaced to restart his business in Chicago.

His first case will pit him against the notorious and deadly criminal Hardcore. Exclusive monthly reports on Cage's renewed career will appear in the new *Cage* series written by **Marcus McLaurin** and illustrated by **Dwayne Turner** and **Chris Ivy.**

AVENGERS WEST COAST #81 $1.25

Thomas/ Ross/ Dzon

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM - PART 9 (OF 19)

The intergalactic Kree-Shi'ar War continues! The Shi'ar are determined to capture two of the West Coast Avengers' Kree prisoners--even if they have to kill some Avengers to do it! Guest starring Quasar. **The cosmic saga continues in *Quasar* #33.**

CAGE #1 $1.50

McLaurin/ Turner/ Ivy

Once he was Luke Cage, Power Man. Now he's just known as Cage, the super-stróng, nearly indestructible man. He's based in a new city--Chicago--and he has a brand new enemy--Hardcore! First in a brand new ongoing monthly series! Cage also guest stars this month in ***Punisher* #62.**

CAPTAIN AMERICA #399 $1.25

Gruenwald/Levins/ Bulanadi

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--- PART 8 (OF 19)

Cap alone against Korath the Pursuer, while the Kree Supreme Intelligence assembles the Starforce. Guest starring the Avengers. And it leads into Cap's 400th anniversary issue next month! **The next phase of the war is in *Avengers West Coast* #81.**

DAREDEVIL #303 $1.25

Chichester/ Weeks/ Williamson

This is the issue that will determine if the Owl will become the new crimelord of New York--over Daredevil's dead body!

DARKHAWK #14 $1.25

Fingeroth/ Manley/Villagran

HEART OF THE HAWK - PART 5 (OF 6)

There's one thing standing between Darkhawk and rescuing his father from Bazin. Unfortunately, that thing is Spider-Man's archenemy Venom! **Look for the spawn of Venom in *Amazing Spider-Man* #361.**

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: THE QUEST FOR THE SHIELD TPB $12.95

Valentino/ Valentino/ Montano

A trade paperback collection of the first six issues of the hit series,

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centering on the Guardians search through the 31st Century universe for the lost shield of Captain America.

MARVEL COMICS #99 $1.50

Cover by Sam Kieth

1) Wolverine
Liefeld/ Valentino
Wolverine versus the dream demon Nightmare!

2) Ghost Rider (Part 2 of 2)
Slott/
The Spirit of Vengeance rides into another deadly mission.

3) Mary Jane Watson-Parker
Flaxman/ M. Jones
How can a wife find her husband when he's web-swinging his way through town?

4) Captain America
Proudfoot/ Garney/ Larsen
Cap returns to his old neighborhood, but it's changed a lot over the years.

NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER #25 $1.25

Byrne/Byrne/Wiacek
In the grand finale of the Iron Fist storyline, Namor takes on the Fist's archenemy Master Khan--only to be deprived of his memory! And the repercussions will last far beyond this issue!

NFL SUPERPRO #7 $1.25

Skolnick/Delbo/DeCarlo
SuperPro tackles soccer and environmental issues when he confronts Ripsaw in the Amazon Rain Forest.

War in the Ring

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, February 4: The stars of the **World Championship Wrestling (WCW)** are launching an all-out bid to take the crown from ruthless champion wrestling star **Lex Luger.**

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Sting, El Gigante, the **Stiner Brothers, Z-Man, P.N. News** (the rapping superstar), **Ron Simmons** and their fellow ring stars will participate in a series of non-stop bouts the likes of which wrestling fans have never seen!

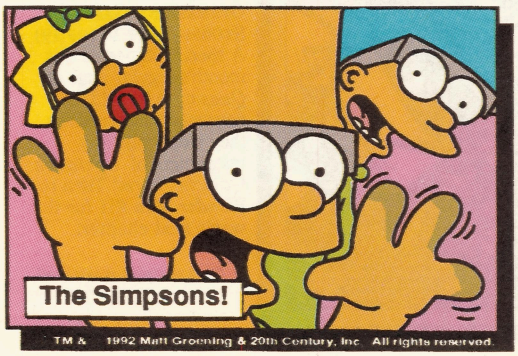
Sports enthusiasts can follow all the action in the new ongoing monthly Marvel series ***World Championship Wrestling,*** brought to you by another trio of titans. Pumping the typewriter is **Marauder Mike Lackey,** with **Rampaging Ron Wilson** at the drawing board, tag-teamed with the inkmaster himself, **Dynamic Don Hudson.**

SHE-HULK #38 $1.25

Byrne/Byrne/K. Williams
It's the worst of all possible Valentine's Days for Jen, when her secret admirer turns out to be the down-right appalling Mahkizmo the Nuclear Man!

SIMPSONS ILLUSTRATED 1992 ANNUAL $2.95

Groening & others
Ay caramba! Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie come to Marvel in a special all-3-D magazine with glasses included!



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UNCANNY X-MEN #287 $1.25

Byrne & Portacio/ Portacio
At long last the truth about Bishop is revealed. But can the X-Men stop him before it's too late?

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #87 $1.25

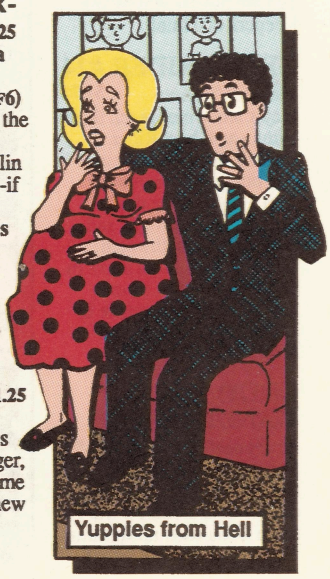
Mackie/ Saviuk/Delarosa
THE NAME OF THE ROSE PART 4 (OF6)
The new Rose confronts the original criminal by that name, while the Hobgoblin has Spidey at his mercy--if you can call it that! **Hobgoblin also menaces the Web-Slinger in this month's *Spider-Man.***

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING #1 $1.25

Lackey/ Wilson
Real life wrestling heroes and villains like Lex Luger, Sting, and El Gigante come to Marvel in this brand new ongoing series.

YUPPIES FROM HELL #3 $2.95

Slate
The funny but real trials and tribulations of our cast of upwardly mobile young professionals continue into a new third volume.



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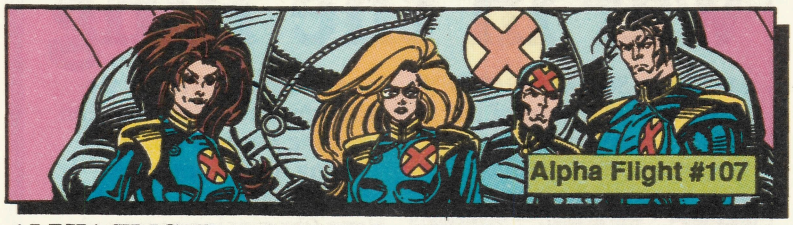


ALPHA FLIGHT #107 $1.75

Lobdell/Morgan

X-Factor teams up with the Canadian super-team to take on the villainous Autopsy and her undead followers.

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #360 $1.25

Michelinie/ Bagley/ Emberlin

the wondrous web-spinner battles alongside...and against...Cardiac! **Spidey's arch-foe Venom attacks Darkhawk in *Darkhawk #14*.**

BARBIE #16 $1.25

Conner/Brock/Lucas

Barbie completes her two-part adventure in Egypt.

BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT COMIC BOOK #5

Dorkin/ Dorkin/ M. Severin $1.25

They couldn't get away with it forever. Bill and Ted are put on trial by the Keepers of Time!

GHOST RIDER #24

Mackie/ Texeira $1.75

Major storylines reach their climax as Ghost Rider finishes his second year. The death of Snowblind! And a fight to the death between Ghost Rider and his archfoe Deathwatch! **Ghost Rider guest stars in *Sleepwalker* this month and battles Nightmare in both *Deathlok* #10 and *Marvel Comics* #100!**

GROO THE WANDERER #88

Aragones/Evanier $1.00

Shepherds hire Groo to fight cattlemen. They get double their money's worth since Groo ends up fighting both sides! EPIC **There's lots more for Groonatics this month...**

GROO TRADE PAPERBACK #3: GROO CARNIVAL

Aragones/Evanier $8.95

A new collection reprinting *Groo the Wanderer* #9-12, featuring Groo's first meeting with the heroic Arcadio. Plus new art by Sergio Aragones and a new afterword by Mark Evanier. EPIC

MARVEL SUPER HERO SPECIAL #9

Cover by Sam Kieth $2.50

1) Avengers West Coast
McDuffie/ Wilson/ Williams/Trimpe

The mighty Avengers versus--Cupid? A special Valentine's Day story.

2) Thor
Frenz/ West/Garvey

Thor artist Ron Frenz turns his hand to *writing* the adventures of everyone's favorite thunder god!

3) Iron Man
Busiek/ Fry/Kesel

Tony Stark never expected to have somebody apply for the job of being Iron Man!

PUNISHER BOOKSHELF: G-FORCE $4.95

Baron/ Haynes/ Palmiotti Painted cover by Nelson DeCastro

It's the Punisher in outer space, as he stows away on a space shuttle controlled by a powerful worldwide drug cartel! **To learn how the Punisher fights his war, read this month's *Punisher Armory* #3.**

PUNISHER WAR ZONE #2 $2.25

C.Dixon/Romita Jr./Janson

LADDER OF DEATH--RUNG 2 (OF 6)

Death follows death as the ruthless Johnny Tower rises higher in the ranks of the Mafia. But he'll be dead if they find out he's really the Punisher! cover this issue! **The Punisher intervenes in a war between brothers in *Moon Knight* #37.**

QUASAR #33 $1.25

Gruenwald/ Capullo/ Candelario

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--PART 10 (OF 19)

It's Quasar versus Neutron when the Cosmic Avenger comes face to face with Binary and the Shi'ar Imperial Guard! ***Operation: Galactic Storm*** **continues in *Wonder Man* #11.**

QUASAR SPECIAL #2 $1.25

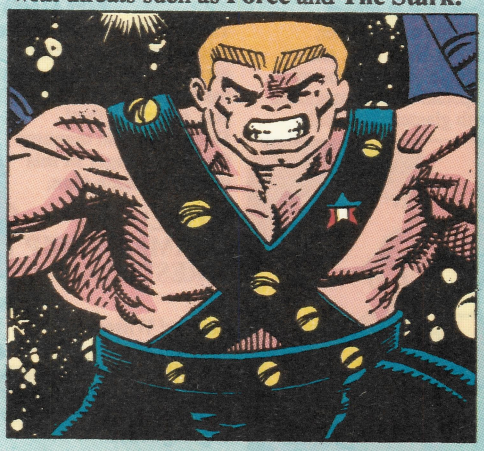
Gruenwald/ Capullo/ Candelario

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--PART 10 (OF 19)

A special edition of this month's regular issue of *Quasar* to be sold to newsstand audiences so they won't miss any installment of *Operation: Galactic Storm*! **Turn to *Wonder Man* #11 for the war's next chapter.**

Cosmic Quest Makes Thrilling Chronicle

GALACTIC NEWS WIRE, February 4: Reviewers in five star systems are unanimous in their acclaim for the **Guardians of the Galaxy**: ***The Quest for the Shield,*** written and penciled by **Jim Valentino,** inked by **Steve Montano,** collecting the first six issues of the Guardians' monthly series. The chronicle excitingly recounts their search through 31st century interstellar space to find the legendary shield of Captain America, and their first encounter with threats such as **Force** and **The Stark.**



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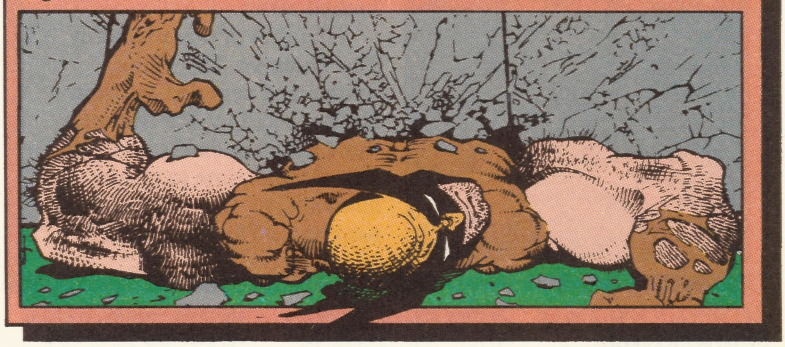
Doom enlists super assassins

LATVERIA, February 18: **Dr. Victor von Doom**, monarch of Latveria, is reliably reported to be plotting an assassination of another ruler.

Through surrogates, Doom has somehow persuaded the X-Man **Wolverine** and the urban vigilante **Ghost Rider** to act as his agents/assassins.

Rumors persist that Doom's target is no Earthly ruler, but actually **Nightmare**, monarch of a dimension of dreams.

For further coverage, turn to the book-length story in ***Marvel Comics*** **#100 by Howard Mackie and Sam Kieth.**



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SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #196 $2.25

Thomas/ J. Buscema/ Chan

The swordwoman Valeria guest stars as Conan and his treasure-hunting pirates combat the vicious monster called the Devourer of the Dead.

SLEEPWALKER #11 $1.25

Budiansky/ Blevins/ Bair & Palmiotti

Sleepwalker escapes the frying pan of capture by government agents only to fall right into the fire--a fight with the Ghost Rider!

THING #1 (of 4) $1.25

Byrne/Byrne/Sinnott

A limited series featuring some of the classic adventures starring the Fantastic Four's own Ben Grimm. This issue he travels to the past where he fights...**The Thing.** *Originally presented in Marvel Two-In-One #50.*

WOLVERINE #53 $1.75

Hama/Silvestri

In the conclusion of the "Motel at the End of Time" Jubilee is in danger, Mojo threatens the entire universe, and Wolverine learns how he himself will die! **See Wolverine battle the Sub-Mariner in this month's *Namor!***

WONDER MAN #8 $1.25

Jones/Johnson/Harps

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--PART 11 (OF 19)

It's up to Wonder Man and the Vision to stop the Shi'ar's incredibly destructive nega-bomb before it detonates! **The war of the galaxies next moves into *Avengers* #346.**

Titles on sale the third week of February

AKIRA #35 $3.95

Otomo with Duffy & Oliff

Not even Akira proves able to stop the grotesque, massive monster that once was Tetsuo! **EPIC**

AVENGERS #346 $1.25

Harras/Epting/Palmer

OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--PART 12 (OF 19)

The Supreme Intelligence regains control of the Kree Empire, and his first order is to execute their Avenger prisoners! **Follow the Avengers into space in *Iron Man* #279.**

CONAN THE BARBARIAN #255 $1.25

Thomas/Docherty/Chan

As the primeval demon Shuma-Gorath ravages the Hyborian world, Conan falls victim to the deadly purple plague!

DEATH'S HEAD II #2 (of 4) $1.75

Abnett/ Sharp/ Lanning

The Fantastic Four guest star as the killer cyborg stalks Reed Richards--and a scientist from the future arrives to make certain that the cyborg carries out his mission of murder!

DOCTOR WHO #183 $4.50

Cartmel/Piers- Rayner

The Doctor hunts for the missing Ace while UNIT searches for a flying saucer.

EXCALIBUR #49 $1.75

Davis/ Davis/ Farmer

The storylines build to next issue's climax as Necrom and the Anti-Phoenix wreak havoc!

G.I. JOE #123 $1.25

Hama/ Wildman/Emberlin

Dossier page by Kevin Maguire

Introducing a new team of heroes--the Eco-Warriors--and a new team of villains--drug lord Big Man and the Headhunters!

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #23 $1.25

Valentino/Texeira

Cover by Valentino & Texeira

Starhawk returns, but is it the Starhawk we know? And why does he end up battling Starhawk's former allies, the Guardians? Special guest artist *Mark Texeira.* **The Guardians also star in the *Quest for the Shield* trade paperback.**

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INCREDIBLE HULK #392 $1.25

David/Keown/Farmer
WAR AND PIECES --PT. 3 (OF 3)
Hulk and Havok team up in the war in Transsabal, while X-Factor fights an all-out battle against the mysterious Pantheon! **The Hulk also guest stars this month in *Spider-Man* #21.**

MARVEL AGE #111 $1.00

Cover by John Romita Sr.
He's the penciler of classic Spider-Man stories, the man who first drew Mary Jane's face, and, oh yes, the father of John Jr. It's a comprehensive interview with Marvel artist John Romita!

MARVEL COMICS #100 $1.50

Wolverine, Ghost Rider, Dr. Doom and Nightmare
Mackie/ Kieth
Cover by Sam Kieth
A 100th issues full-length story featuring two heroes and two villains. Dr. Doom manipulates Wolverine and Ghost Rider into attacking the master of dreams, Nightmare! **Ghost Rider squares off against Nightmare in *Deathlok* #10 and the dream demon haunts *Dr. Strange* #40.**

MARVEL TALES #260 $1.25

Cover by George Perez
Stern/Romita Jr./ Janson
Spider-Man , deprived of his spider-sense, tries to uncover the true identity of the original Hobgoblin. Originally presented in *Amazing Spider-Man* # 250. **For more Hobgoblin, see this month's *Spider-Man* and *Web of Spider-Man*.**

THANK YOU, THING

NEW YORK, February 11: **Ben Grimm, the Thing,** is best known as the strongman of the Fantastic Four. But many fans of super-heroics believe that he shines equally in his solo adventures, which appeared for years in ***Marvel Two-in-One***.

Now a retrospective of (appropriately) four of his most fantastic adventures are appearing in the new ***Thing*** limited series.

The first of these features The Thing vs. The Thing, written and penciled by **John Byrne,** inked by **Joe Sinnott.** Ben Grimm embarks on a mission through time to restore his human form, but only ends up battling...a Thing of the *past!*

PUNISHER#62 $1.25

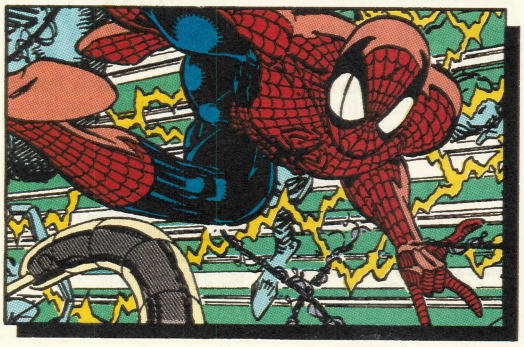
Baron & McLaurin/ Mayerik/ Williamson
The conclusion of the storyline in which the surgically-altered Punisher finds help from the superhuman crimefighter Cage. **See another wartime adventure of the Punisher this month in *The Nam*!**

SHIELD #34 $1.75

Lobdell /Stiner/Hudson
Bridge from *X-Force* joins Nick Fury and the Super Agents of Shield in combat against the lethal strike force Balance of Terror!

SPIDER-MAN #21 $1.75

Larsen[3]
REVENGE OF THE SINISTER SIX - PART 4 (OF 6)
When you're up against the Sinister Six, you could use a lot of help. And Spidey gets it--from guest stars Deathlok and Solo! **The Hobgoblin also appears this month in *Web of Spider-Man*, while the Vulture flies into *Spectacular Spider-Man*.**



SPIDER-MAN GN: FEAR ITSELF $12.95

Conway/ Andru/ Esposito
Cover painting by Joe Jusko
Spider-Man travels to Europe to help Silver Sable fight the White Ninja and the Baroness, who has a mysterious connection with Captain America's longtime foe Baron Zemo.

WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH #3 $1.75

Starlin/ Leonardi /Austin
Warlock seeks out his mentor, the High Evolutionary, only to find him under attack by beings whose power may match his own!

WHAT IF..? #36 $1.25

Thomas & Lofficier/ Hoover
TIME QUAKE--PART 2 (OF 5)
The enigmatic Timekeepers continue to manipulate alternate realities, enabling the cosmically-powered Korvac to take control of the Guardians of the Galaxy and pit them against the Cosmic Avengers.

X-FACTOR #77 $1.75

David/Stroman/Milgrom
It's X-Factor against the dangerous mutant terrorists who have fought X-Force to a standstill--the Mutant Liberation Front! **X-Factor returns the favor by visiting the Hulk in his own mag this month.**

X-MEN #7 $1.25

Lee & Byrne/Lee/Williams
While the X-Men battle on against Omega Red, Cornelius from the "Weapon X' series appears with new information about the secret of Wolverine's past. Plus more on the fate of Longshot!

X-MEN CLASSIC #70 $1.75

Claremont/ Smith/Wiacek
Cover by Mike Mignola
A double-sized issue in which the X-Men have their showdown with the alien Brood-but too late to prevent Prof. Xavier from becoming one of them! Originally presented in *Uncanny X-Men* #166.

Titles on sale the fourth week of February

BARBIE FASHION #16 $1.25

Slate/ Rausch/ Mushynsky
Barbie learns about inner strength and trusting her judgment--and takes a taxi ride she'll never forget! It may be haunted!

CAPTAIN PLANET #7 (of 12) $1.25

1) Rimmer/Capaldi
Cap. vs. Looten Plunder to save the crocodiles.
2) Dutter/Broderick/Patterson
Part 1 of "The Seige of Hope Island."

CLIVE BARKER'S HELLRAISER #12 $4.50

1) With My Lips
Rozum/Whigham
An intimate love story set in the deepest pits of Hell.
2) Black and White--Devil's Brigade--Part 10
Wachowski/Cowan
Abigor inflames racial hatreds while Decourcy looks into his own chilling future.
3) Believe the Sinners--Devil's Brigade-- Part 11
Vince/ Kieth
Abaddon works on a new show, unaware that he has become the pawn of Balberith. EPIC

CONAN SAGA #61 $2.25

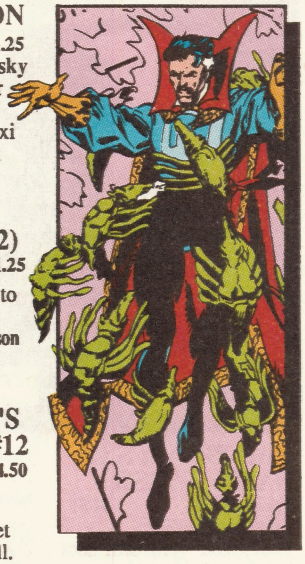
Thomas/J. Buscema/ DeZuniga
Conan searches for the treasure of "The Gem in the Tower."

DEATHLOK #10 $1.75

Wright/Cowan/Manley
Deathlok 's spirit is trapped in Nightmare's realm with the Ghost Rider, while his now-mindless cyborg body goes amok in the real world. **Deathlok fights alongside the Web-Slinger in *Spider-Man* #21, while Ghost Rider faces Nightmare again in *Marvel Comics* #100.**

DEFENDERS OF DYNATRON CITY #3(of 6) $1.25

Purcell/Cirocco/McKenna
The Defenders try to get away from their archfoe Dr.



Mayhem by vacationing at a dude ranch. Three guesses what villain owns the ranch.

DOCTOR STRANGE #39 $1.75

Thomas/Isherwood
FEAR LORDS EPIC - PART 3 (OF 4)
Doctor Strange continues his war against Nightmare and his fellow Fear Lords. **Nightmare battles an array of other foes this month in both Deathlok #10 and Marvel Comics #100, while Doc's foe Shuma-Gorath rampages through *Conan* #255.**

DREADLANDS #4 (of 4) $3.95

Lanning & White/ Gascoigne
The war between the time-traveling scientists and the aliens reaches its climax in the age of dinosaurs in the concluding issue of the series. EPIC

FANTASTIC FOUR #363 $1.25

DeFalco/Ryan/ Bulanadi
The FF embark on a hazardous voyage into "inner space" to rescue Sue. **The FF guest star this month in *Death's Head II.*, while the Thing stars in the first issue of his own limited series.**

IRON MAN #279 $1.25

Kaminski/Ryan/Wiacek
OPERATION: GALACTIC STORM--PART 13 (OF 19)
Captain America guest stars as Iron Man battles the deadly Kree known as Ronan the Accuser! **The Avengers' war in space continues in *Thor* #446.**

JAMES BOND, JR. #4 $1.25

Pedersen & Moss/ Capaldi/ Fawcett
Further exciting, globe-spanning adventures with the famous spy's equally daring nephew.

KID 'N PLAY #3 $1.25

Coye/ Frazier/ Boyd
In "At Your Friend's Expense," Kid 'n' Play go on a TV game show that nearly wrecks their friendship.

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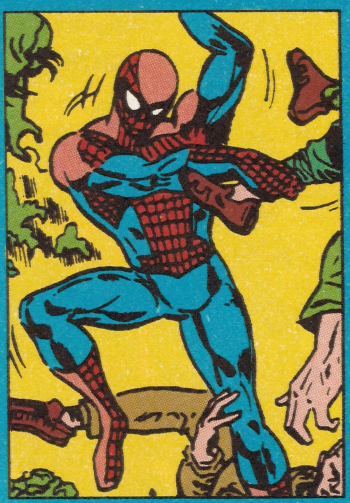
Nothing to Fear but...

SYMKARIA, February 18: It was learned today that the hand of deceased Nazi war criminal **Baron Heinrich Zemo** reaches even into the 1990s.

Authorities have traced a connection between Zemo and a mysterious woman known as the **Baroness**. She, in turn, has been implicated in the dangerous **White Ninja**'s theft of the Cassidy Crystals from New York's Osborn Industries.

New York crimefighter **Spider-Man** and Symkarian mercenary leader **Silver Sable** have trailed the stolen crystals to Europe, where they run the risk of falling victim to hallucinogenic effects brought on by the crystals.

Their fate, and perhaps that of the world, is revealed in the



graphic novel ***Fear Itself*** written by **Gerry Conway** and **Stan Lee**, penciled by **Ross Andru**, and inked by **Mike Esposito**.

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MARVEL REQUIRER #25

FREE!

Special once in a lifetime Silver Anniversary issue! Same size! No guest stars! Not a turning point! And this issue--nobody dies!

MOON KNIGHT #37 $1.75

Kavanagh/Garney/Palmer

BLOOD BROTHERS: THE RETURN OF RANDALL SPECTOR--PART 3 (OF 4)

Marc Spector's mad serial killer brother has become the new Moon Knight, and maybe not even the original Moon Knight v ill be able to stop him now. And how will the Punisher handle this turn of events?

THE 'NAM #67 $1.75

C. Dixon/Heath

Cover by Jorge Zaffino

Beginning a three-part story featuring the Punisher during his time as a soldier in Vietnam!

NEW WARRIORS #22 $1.25

Nicieza/Bagley/Mahlstedt

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH--PART 1 (OF 4)

Night Thrasher goes to Cambodia with the Folding Circle to learn more about his past, while Marvel Boy goes on trial for murdering his own father.

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Sanderson, Herdling, Ward & Kaminski / Pollard/ Rubinstein

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